

What is claimed is:

1. An shearing device, comprising:  
a housing having a top portion and a bottom portion, the top portion having an opening and a plurality of ridges forming channels adjacent to the opening; at least one blade disposed in the opening in the top portion of the housing; and driving means located within said housing operatively connected to said at least one blade.
2. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said ridges are made of plastic.
3. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said at least one blade comprises a plurality of teeth.
4. The shearing device of claim 3, wherein the depth of the channels formed by the ridges is the length of the teeth of at least one blade.
5. The shearing device of claim 3, wherein the depth of the channels formed by the ridges is greater than the length of the teeth of at least one blade.
6. The shearing device of claim 3, wherein the depth of the channels formed by the ridges is less than the length of the teeth of at least one blade.
7. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said opening is one of oval, oblong, or rectangular.
8. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein a cross-sectional shape of said ridges is one of square, rectangular, triangular, circular, oval, or oblong.
9. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said ridges are oriented at an angle of 90° to a longitudinal axis of the housing.
10. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said ridges are oriented at an angle of other than 90° to a longitudinal axis of the housing.

11. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said ridges form a helical pattern around said housing.

12. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said ridges form a "V" shape relative to said opening.

13. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said driving means is electrically powered.

14. The shearing device of claim 14, wherein said driving means is a motor, gears, a battery or AC connection.

15. The shearing device of claim 1, wherein said driving means is manual power.